

<p><b>ALBANY, GEORGIA</b>  <b>YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROJECT</b>  2001-2002 Grant Amount: <b>\$3,653,574</b></p>	<p><b>YO! ALBANY</b>  PO Box 1726 – Albany, GA 31702-1726  Tel: (229) 888-0999; Fax: (229) 888-2664  Project Director, Jo Granberry:  <a href="mailto:partners@adpartnership.org">partners@adpartnership.org</a></p>
<p><b>Mission and Vision</b></p> <p>To empower a diverse population of youth</p> <p>to acquire the tools to succeed</p> <p>in the global economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.</p>	<p><b>Program Overview</b></p> <p>Albany YO! serves untrained youth in Albany, Georgia. The immediate focus of the program is to have out-of-school youth complete their GED and encourage in-school youth to obtain their high school diploma. The Center offers many academic &amp; youth development services, including GED preparation, resume writing, SAT preparation, tutoring, public speaking, leadership training, entrepreneurship, career counseling and job development. Youth are offered internships and shadowing services. Career Advisors establish positive relationships with the youth and work with them to assess, council, and monitor their progress.</p>
<p><b>HIGHLIGHT AND INNOVATIVE PRACTICES</b></p> <p>Through its collaboration with Albany Technical College (ATC), certified instructors regularly provide GED instruction to its large out-of-school youth population at the Albany Youth Center. Over 200 youth are enrolled in morning and afternoon classes. 75% - 80% of their graduates are immediately enrolled into ATC, Albany State University (ASU) or Darton College thereafter.</p> <p><b>KEY PARTNERS/ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Albany/Dougherty Community Partnership for Education:</b> Provides all case management, insurance of WIA elements, contract negotiation, development and /monitoring, grant management, and day-to-day operations of the Center.</li> <li>• <b>Albany Technical College:</b> Adult literacy services, educational plans, GED instruction, GED graduation, GED student activities, GED Testing, formal student evaluations, and online newsletter production.</li> <li>• <b>Albany State University:</b> YO! Squad (Youth Council) facilitation, youth leadership training, youth annual retreat, annual youth conference, summer leadership program, community/parent advisory board, community service projects, out of school youth recruitment, entrepreneurship training, ACT &amp; SAT Prep, high school graduation test prep, subject matter tutoring, post-secondary transition assistance, summer residency program, life skills training, website instruction and development, service learning &amp; resource library.</li> <li>• <b>Dougherty County School System:</b> Tutoring, high school graduation test review, service learning projects and focus sessions. Provides office space to the four career advisors working in the high schools.</li> <li>• <b>Youth Councils:</b> YO! Squad attends City Commissioner meetings, Regional WIB Youth Council Meetings, and YO! Board of Director meetings.</li> <li>• <b>Local Advisory Board:</b> Board meetings held on monthly basis. Special committees appointed to oversee each component of youth development programming.</li> <li>• <b>Workplace/Business Partners:</b> Established &amp; maintained through YO! Board of Directors members.</li> <li>• <b>Community Partners:</b> Partners meetings held on monthly basis.</li> <li>• <b>Other:</b> Youth recruitment &amp; marketing through staff attendance and/or membership on various boards and agencies locally and at the state level.</li> </ul>	